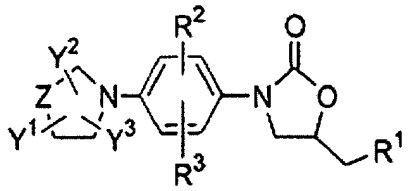
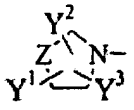
1. (Previously Amended) A compound that is an oxazolidinone derivative of the formula (I)



(I)

or a salt thereof, or a stereoisomer thereof, where

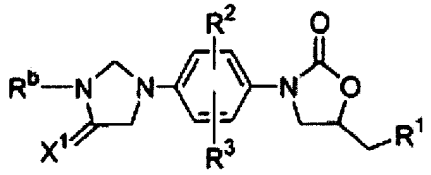
R^1 represents -NHR^4 wherein R^4 represents thio(C_1-C_{10})acyl, -C(=S)-cyclo(C_3-C_8)alkoxy, -C(=S)-(C_1-C_{10})alkoxy, -C(=S)-(C_2-C_{10})alkenyloxy, -C(=S)-aryloxy, -(C=S)-S-(C_1-C_{10})alkyl, -(C=S)-NH_2, -(C=S)-NH-(C_1-C_{10})alkyl, -C(=S)-N-((C_1-C,o)alkyl)$_2$, -C(=S)-NH-(C_2-C_{10})alkenyl, (C=S)-(C=O)-(C_1-C_{10})alkoxy, -(C=S)-(C=O)-aryloxy, -C(=S)-O-(C=O)-(C_1-C_{10})alkyl, C(=S)-C(=S)-(C_1-C_{10})alkyl, -C(=S)-C(=S)-aryl, -C(=S)-thiomorpholinyl or -C(=S)-pyrrolidinyl; R^2 and R^3, which may be the same or different, are each independently hydrogen, halogen, (C_1-C_{10})alkyl, halogenated (C_1-C_{10})alkyl, cyano, nitro, SR^a, NR^a, or OR^a, in which R^a is hydrogen, (C_1-C_{10})alkyl or halogenated (C_1-C_{10})alkyl;

 is a heterocyclic moiety in which  is a 5-membered heterocyclic skeleton, Z represents =CH, -CH_2 or NR^b, where R^b is hydrogen or a moiety, which may be substituted or unsubstituted, straight chain or branched, selected from the group consisting of (C_1-C_{10})alkyl, (C_2-C_{10})alkenyl, (C_3-C_8)cycloalkyl, hydroxy(C_1-C_{10})alkyl, (C_1-C_{10})alkylhydroxy, (C_1-C_{10})alkylamino, amino(C_1-C_{10})alkyl, (C_1-C_{10})alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, (C_1-C_{10})alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, (C_1-C_{10}) alkoxycarbonyl and aryloxycarbonyl;

Y^1 represents =O or =S group and Y^2 and Y^3 independently represent hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, formyl, hydroxy, amino, =O, =S group or substituted or

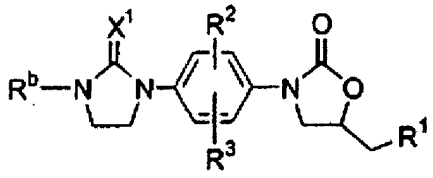
unsubstituted groups selected from (C_1-C_{10})alkyl, hydroxy(C_1-C_{10})alkyl, (C_1-C_{10}) alkylhydroxy, (C_1-C_{10})alkoxy(C_1-C_{10})alkyl, (C_1-C_{10})alkylcarbonyl, (C_1 C_{10})alkoxycarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, carboxy(C_1-C_{10})alkyl, (C_1-C_{10})alkylsulfonyl, (C_1-C_{10})alkylcarbony(C_1-C_{10})alkyl, arylcarbonylamino(C_1-C_{10})alkyl, (C_1-C_{10})alkylcarbonyloxy(C_1-C_{10})alkyl, amino(C_1-C_{10})alkyl, mono(C_1-C_{10})alkylamino, di(C_1-C_{10})alkylamino, arylamino, (C_1-C_{10})alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocycloalkyl; Y^2 and Y^3 when present on adjacent carbon atoms together may also form a substituted or unsubstituted 5 or 6 membered aromatic or non-aromatic cyclic structure, optionally containing one or two hetero atoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen.

2. (Original) The compound of claim 1 having the structure



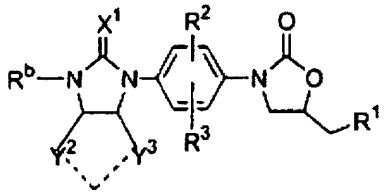
whrein X^1 is oxygen or sulfur.

3.. (Original) The compound of claim 1 having the structure



wherein X^1 is oxygen or sulfur.

4. (Original) The compound of claim 1 having the structure

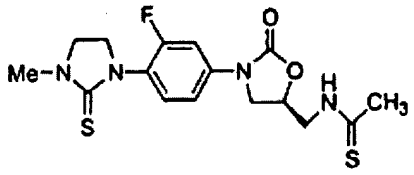


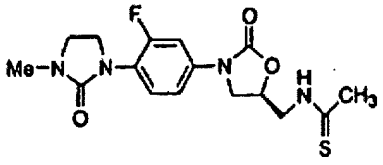
wherein X^1 is oxygen or sulfur, and  is a substituted or unsubstituted 5- or 6-membered aromatic or non-aromatic cyclic structure optionally having one or two hetero atoms, formed by Y^2 and Y^3.

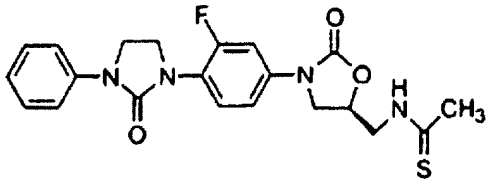
5-6. (Canceled) .

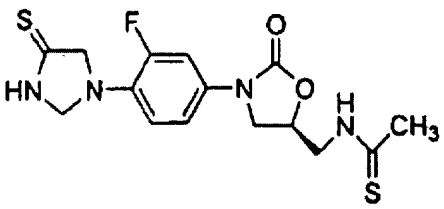
7. (Original) The compound of claim 4, wherein said cyclic structure formed by Y^2 and Y^3 is benzene, pyridine, pyrrolidine, furan thiophene, morpholine, piperazine or pyrrole.

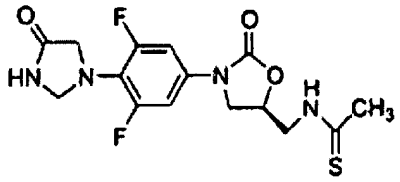
8. (Previously Amended) The compound of formula (I) as defined according to claim 1 which is selected from:

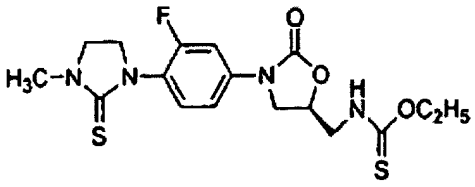


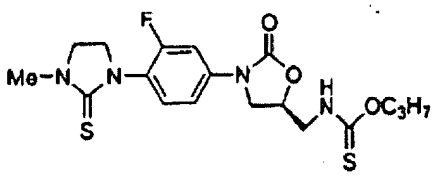


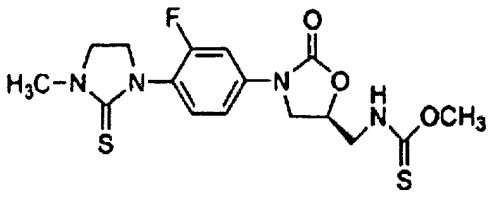


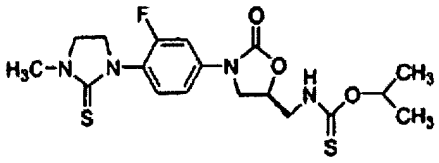


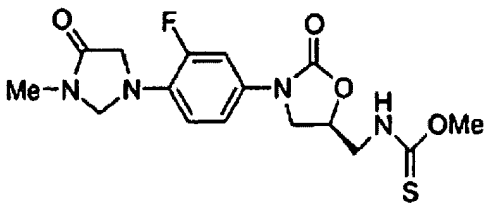


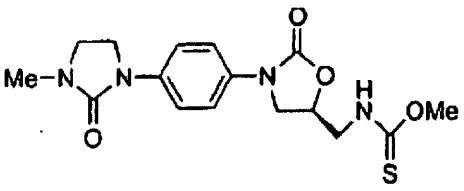


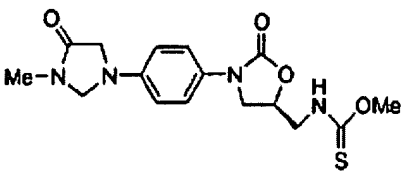


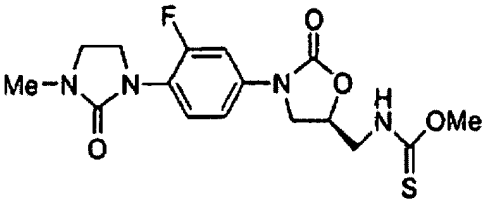


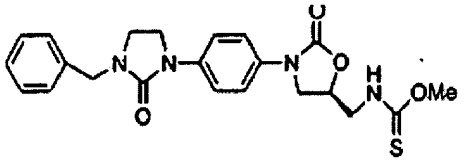


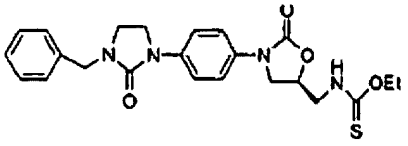


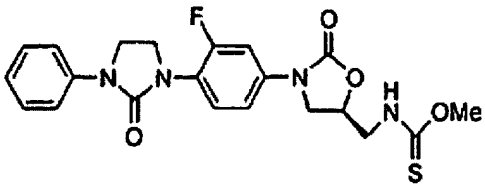


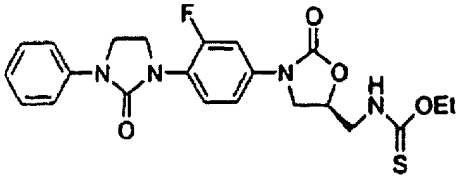


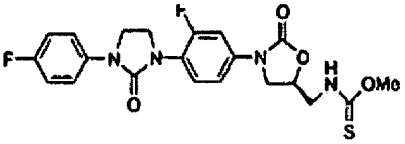


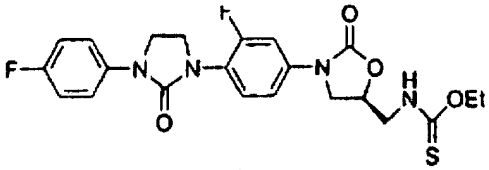


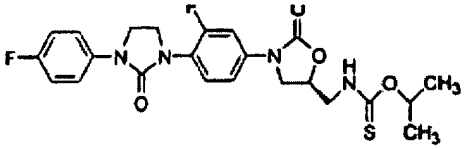


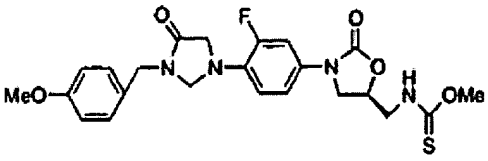


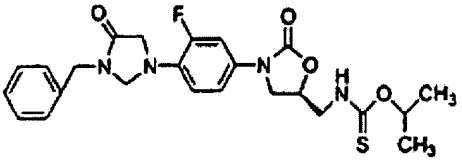


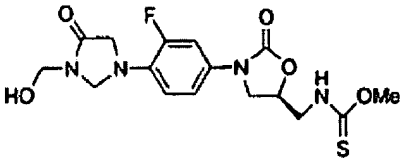


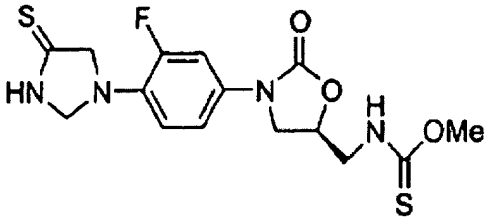


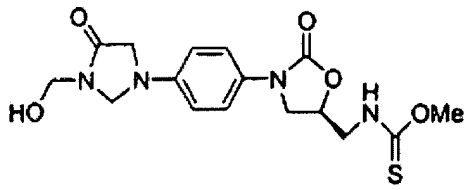


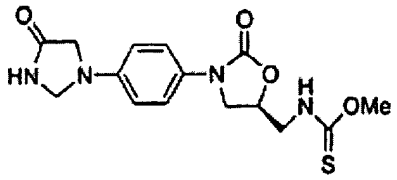


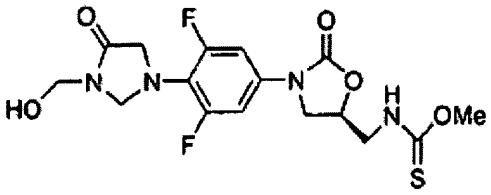


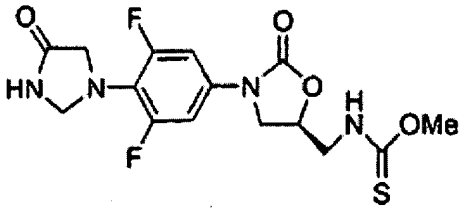


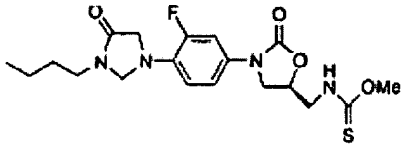


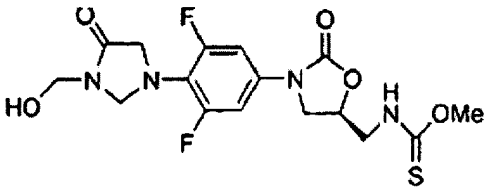


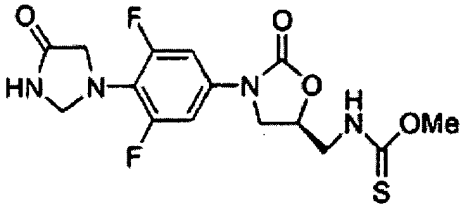


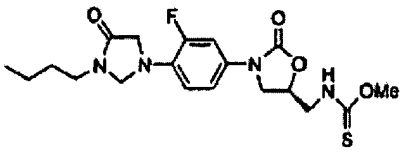


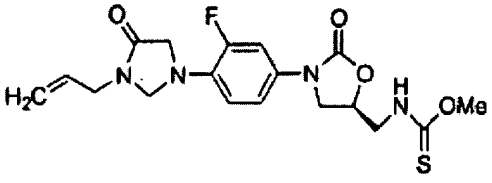


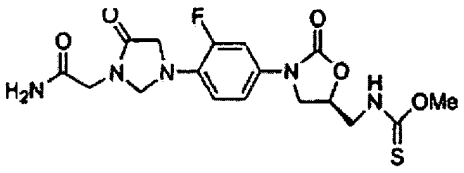


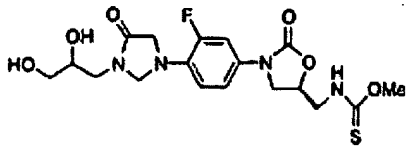


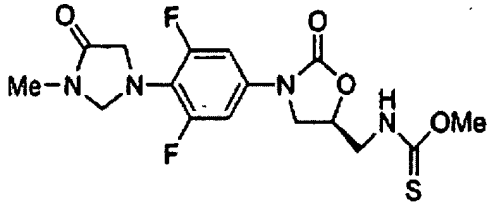


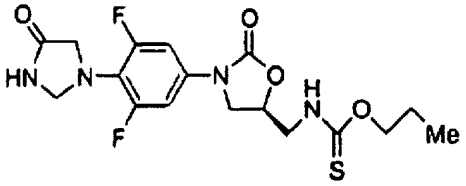


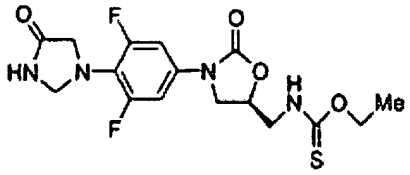


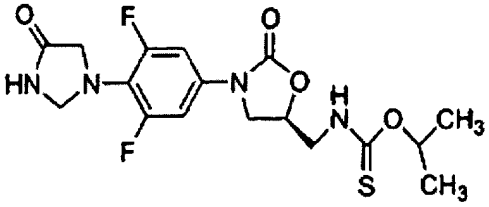


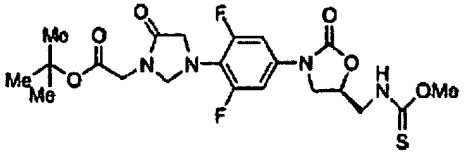


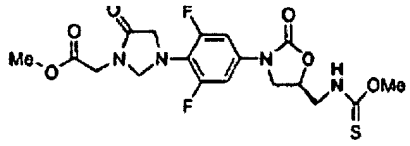


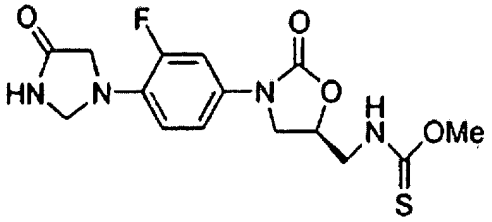


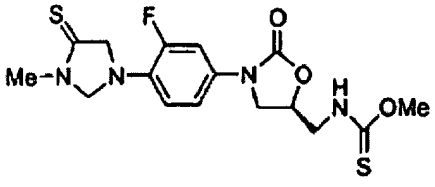


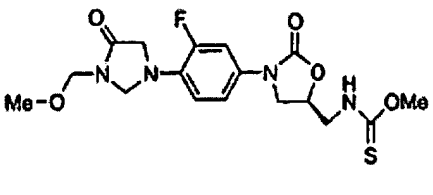


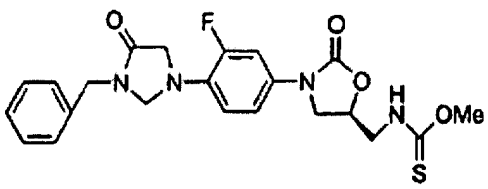


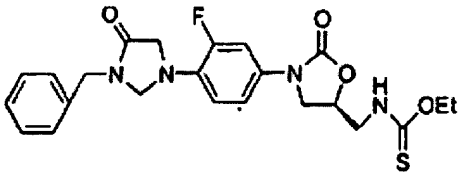


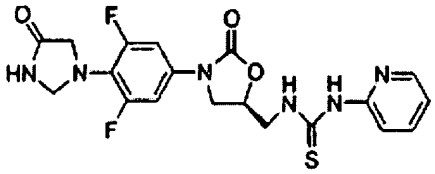


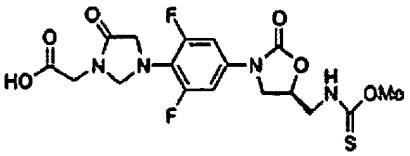


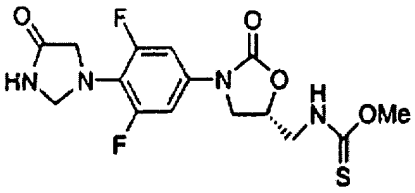


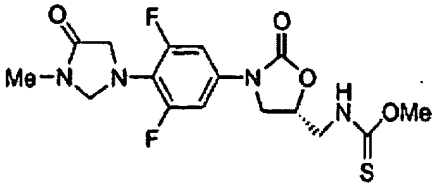


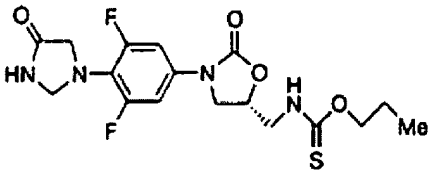


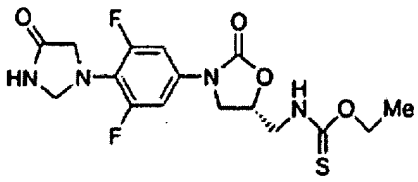


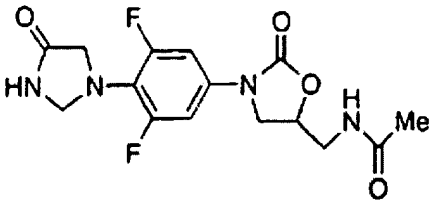


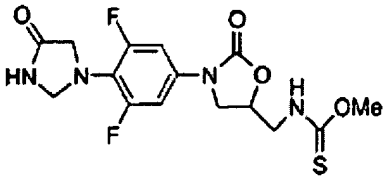


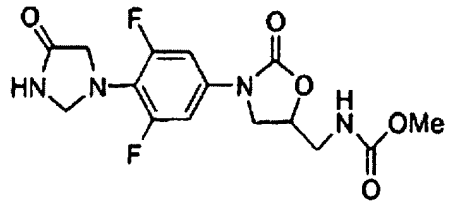


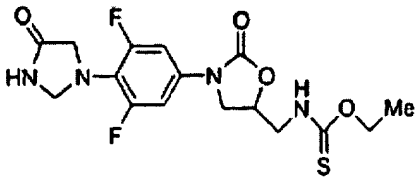


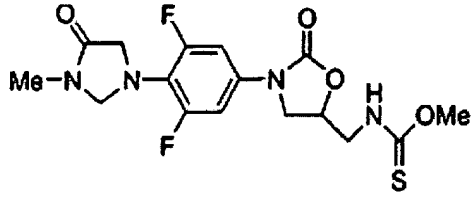


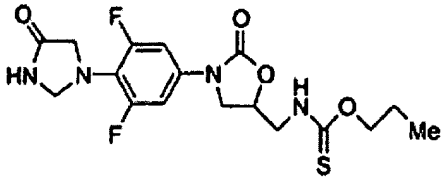












9-78. (Canceled).

79. (Previously Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a) an antibacterially effective amount of the compound of claim 1; and b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

80-88. (Canceled)

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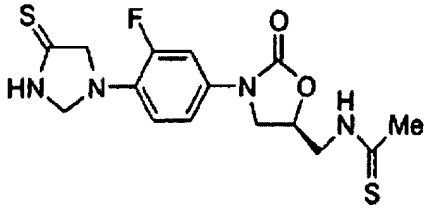

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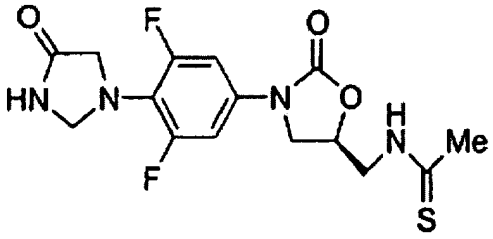

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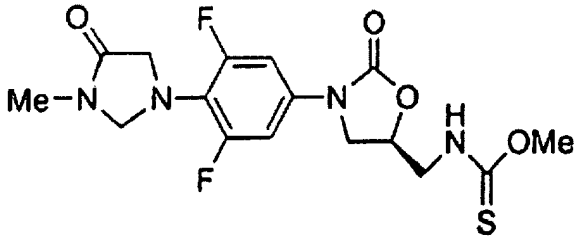

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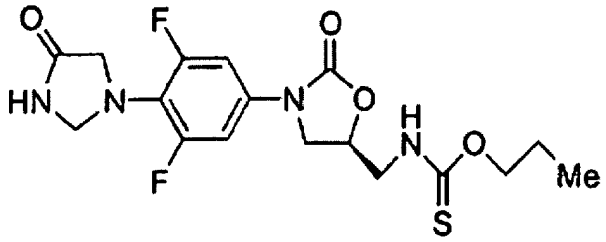

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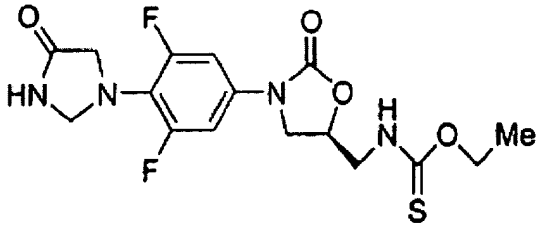

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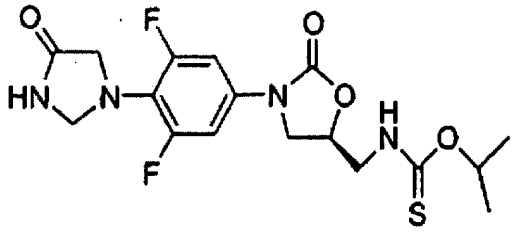

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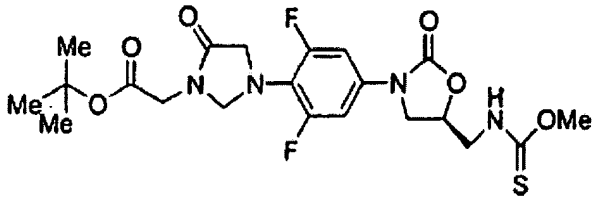

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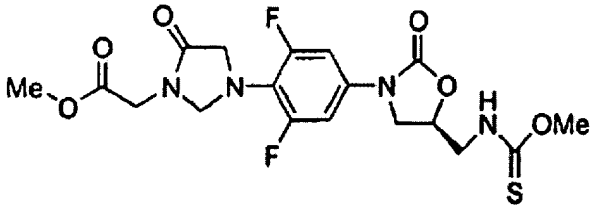

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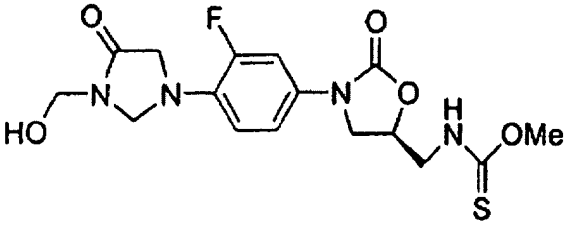

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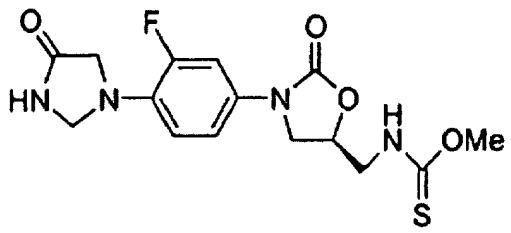

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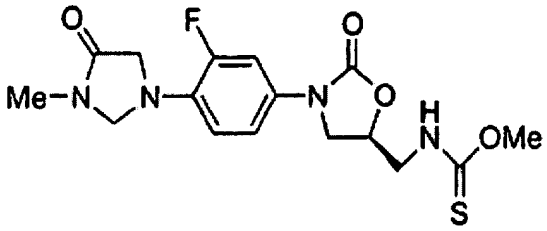

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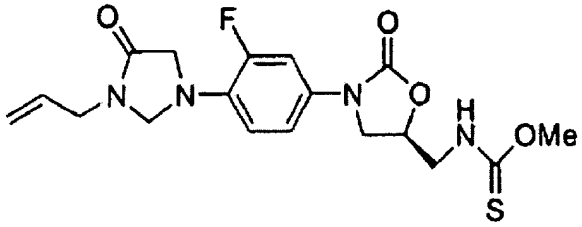

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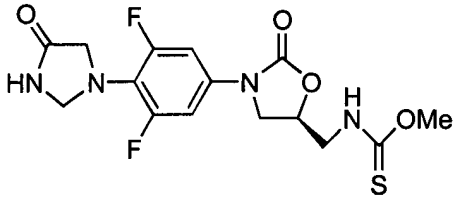

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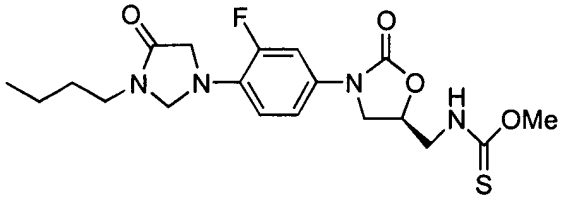

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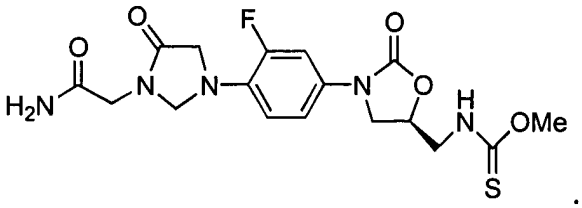

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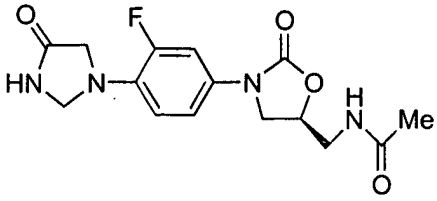

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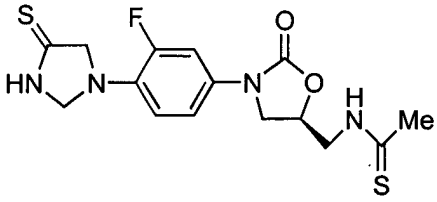

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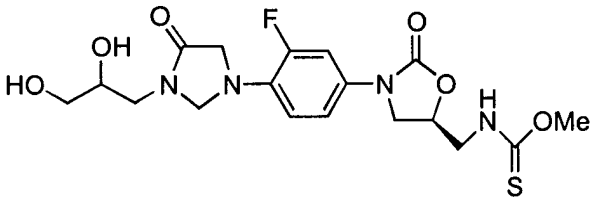

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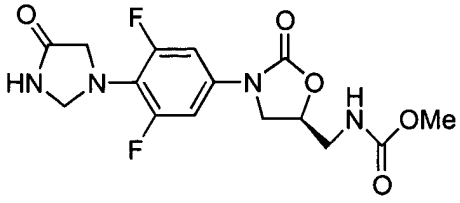

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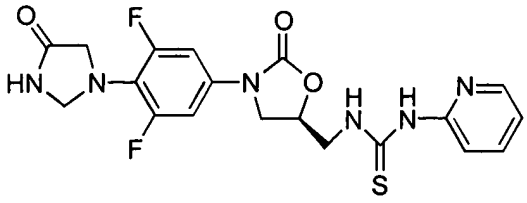

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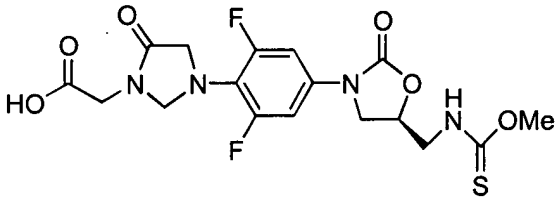

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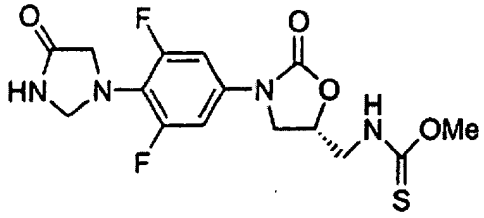

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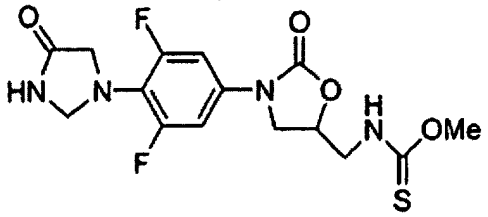

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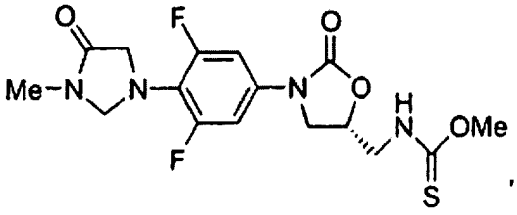

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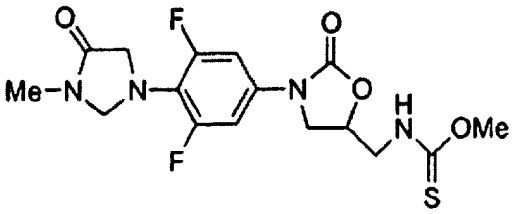

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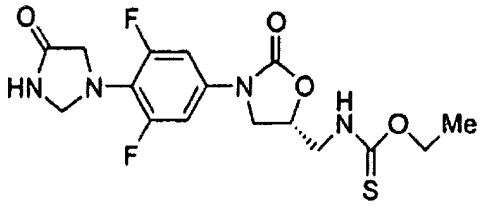

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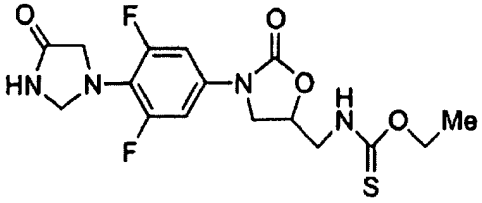

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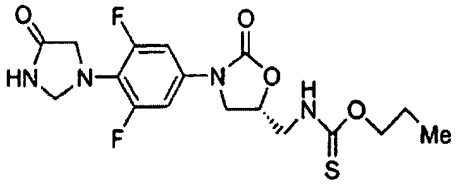

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